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National Seeds Corporation
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and spent for the National Seeds Corporation during the last three years;

(b) the details of important research work published in the field of agriculture by the National Seeds Corporation;

(c) the details of innovations undertaken by the Corporation for improving quality of seeds in the country; and

(d) the details of the publications pertaining to seed quality and agriculture in various States of the country including Chhattisgarh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Funds allocated to National Seeds Corporation (NSC) by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and status of their utilization during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Funds allocation	Funds spent by the NSC
2013-14	222.97	222.97 (100%)
2014-15	65.16	61.77 (95%)
2015-16	101.16	93.52 (92%)

(b): No research work has been published in the field of agriculture by the NSC.

(c): NSC is experimenting with Nutrient Efficiency Biologicals (NEB) which are derived as root exudates. These are being presently imported from USA for trials on Soyabean, Wheat and Paddy.

In case of Soyabean & Paddy the NEBs are being used for treatment of seed to check increase in yield.

In case of Paddy the NEB are being used for treatment of Urea to ascertain whether such treated urea can increase yields while reducing urea usage by 40%.

(d): The Indian Minimum Seed Certification Standards for seed certification and Compendium of Seed Legislations for quality regulation have been published by Government of India.

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